1	2	3	4	5
5.	Modernisation of jetties in 1992-93 under Centrally Sponsored Sector	—	50	Scheme not sanctioned.
6.	Development of West Coast Canal between Kollam and Kovalam under Central Sector	—	—	Scheme not sanctioned.

(d) It is too early to indicate the time schedule for completion of above mentioned proposals/projects as these projects have either not been sanctioned or sanctioned very recently.

Study of Expert Group on Driver Manual

424. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that according to a study conducted by the Experts Group on formulation of Driver Manual, the drivers of buses and trucks are responsible for majority of fatal accidents in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the issuing of driving licence more strict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No study, as such, has been conducted by the Experts Group which met recently in Delhi under the auspicies of Indian Road Traffic Education, New Delhi for formulation of a driver's manual. It is, however, true that drivers of buses and trucks are responsible for a significant number of fatal accidents in the country.

The Central Government have been reiterating to the State Governments from time to time to be extremely strict on the issue of driving licences, taking into account the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

Central Assistance for Maintenance of National Highways

425. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise demand for the Central Government's assistance for maintenance of National Highways in the current financial year; and

(b) the percentage thereof provided so far by Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (*see below*) However, due to inadequacy of funds in comparision with actual requirements, the demands of State Government cannot be met in full.

Statement

Central assistance for maintenance of National Highways

(Rs. in lakhs)

1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2336.816	849.50	36.35
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Not received yet	18.50	*N.A.
3.	Assam	2257.273	632.49	28.02
4.	Bihar	2696.311	750.42	27.83